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SUBJECT: AHRAM REPORT OF ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT
POSITIONS

1. AHRAM (HAMDI FOUAD) CONTAINS REPORT IN JANUARY 16
EDITION THAT SECRETARY'S CONTACTS ON DISENGAGEMENT DEAL
WITH FOLLOWING:

"A. THE LINE TO WHICH ISRAELI FORCES ARE TO WITH-
DRAW DEEP INSIDE SINAI. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT WITH-
DRAWAL BE EFFECTED TO THE AREA OF THE PASSES, WHICH IS
ABOUT 37 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE EASTERN BANK OF THE
CANAL.

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B. TYPES OF ARMS OF FORCES OF BOTH SIDES.

C. SEPARATION BETWEEN BOTH ARMIES BY U.N. FORCES.

D. THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IS TO BE EFFECTED. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THIS BE COMPLETED IN THREE WEEKS."

2. AHRAM CONTINUES:

"IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EGYPTIAN VIEWPOINT IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. DISENGAGEMENT IS A PURELY MILITARY ISSUE, BUT IT IS A PART OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 338 WHICH CONSIDERS DISENGAGEMENT AS A STAGE AND NOT AN END, SINCE THE RESOLUTION HAS STIPULATED THAT DISENGAGEMENT IS A STEP TOWARDS MOVING TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 242.

B. THE EGYPTIAN SIDE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT (THE FACT) THAT DISENGAGEMENT IS NOT AN ADVANTAGE FOR EGYPT, BUT REPRESENTS THE FIRST MOVE TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 242.

C. THEREFORE, THIS STEP MUST BE CONNECTED WITH TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ACCORDING TO A TIME-TABLE.

D. THE ULTIMATE GOAL WHICH THE EGYPTIAN SIDE INSISTS ON IS TOTAL EVACUATION FROM ALL THE ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS."

3. THIS SECTION OF ARTICLE CONCLUDES:

"THE PROGRESS OF TALKS AT ASWAN SO FAR SHOWS THAT THE PROPOSALS MADE BY ISRAEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE STATIONING OF U.N. FORCES ON THE WESTERN BANK IN CASE OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM IT.

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B. THE FORMATION OF JOINT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PATROLS ON THE EASTERN BANK TO INSPECT ARMAMENTS.

C. A DECLARATION BY EGYPT ANNOUNCING THE TERMINATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL.

D. A REFERENCE TO THE CLEARING OF THE CANAL AND ITS REOPENING TO NAVIGATION.

E. ISRAEL REFUSES TO CONNECT DISENGAGEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM.

F. THE THINNING-OUT OF THE EGYPTIAN PRESENCE ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE CANAL IN RETURN FOR ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WESTERN BANK OF THE CANAL."

4. REST OF FOUAD'S ARTICLE, AND REPORTING IN AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA, DEAL WITH CONTACTS HELD WITHIN PAST 36 HOURS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE SOVIET UNION, AND EGYPT AND SYRIA; AND BETWEEN US AND USSR REGARDING PROGRESS OF DISCUSSIONS. PRESS REPORTS THAT SECRETARY WILL DECIDE DURING TODAY'S TALKS IN ASWAN WHETHER HE WILL RETURN TO TEL AVIV, OR PROCEED TO AMMAN AND, PERHAPS, DAMASCUS. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT SECRETARY MAY VISIT MOSCOW AT END OF THIS WEEK.
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